

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of January 27, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Leviathan Mine Superfund Site Meeting with Washoe Tribe and Annual Technical Update Meeting (Gardenia and Carson City, CA): Project staff Lynda Deschambault, Yolanda Sanchez, Sophia Serda, and Gary Riley along with manager Dana Barton will travel down to participate in a meeting with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California and the Annual Technical Updates meeting on January 26. Attendees of the Annual Technical Updates meeting are public stakeholders interested in highly technical aspects of the site, as well as interested state and federal agencies, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California, and Atlantic Richfield (the responsible party). Sanchez will also visit the site information repository to add new information for the interested public. (Contact: Yolanda Sanchez, x2-3880)

Triple Site Offsite OU VI Investigation (Sunnyvale, CA): This week we directed Philips, the Responsible Party (RP), to design and install a vapor intrusion (VI) mitigation system in another residential building impacted - **Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)** where TCE was measured up to 2.8 ug/m3 in the crawlspace and up to 1.3 ug/m3 in indoor air. This brings the total number of residential mitigation systems to twelve that totals more than 40 households. We also issued final approval for the RP's mitigation plans for five school buildings that make up the **Personal Privacy 6** (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

William AFB: On January 25, we received a letter from AF agreeing to implement the original remedy proposed in the 2012 draft OU6 ROD for site SS017, the Old Pesticide Paint Shop, ending the five year long informal and formal disputes over whether or not institutional controls and continued groundwater monitoring would still be required at the site. (Contact: Carolyn D'Almeida, x2-3150)

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Brown & Bryant Superfund Site (Arvin, Kern County, CA): **Enforcement (b) (7) (A)**

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

That evening, EPA staff met with the Committee for a Better Arvin (CBA) to update the community on recent work. CBA expressed anxiety about the recent administration changes, anxiety about a rarely used municipal drinking water well (CW-1) that has is close to our plume limits, and concern about our Monitored Natural Attenuation plan. Overall the meeting was close to 4.5 hours, and was in both English and Spanish. (Contact: Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Administrative Order on Consent with Chevron for cleanup evaluation at Mariano Lake mine, Navajo Nation: On January 25, we signed an agreement with Chevron U.S.A. to develop cleanup options for uranium mine waste at the Mariano Lake site on the Navajo Nation. The work is estimated to cost \$300,000. Today's settlements continue the work needed to address radium-contaminated soil at the Mariano Lake Mine. Chevron has completed an investigation of uranium mine waste at the Mariano Lake Mine Site under a 2011 agreement with EPA. (Contact: Mark Ripperda, x2-3028)

Aerojet Rocketdyne VI Investigation (Rancho Cordova, CA): Per the 2016 Five-Year Review recommendations, Aerojet has begun on-site industrial building screening and indoor air sampling for its worker and tenant occupied structures according to EPA's site specific prioritization strategy. A team of Aerojet, contractors, and EPA staff conducted building walk-throughs and HVAC evaluations in approximately 70 Aerojet and tenant buildings, collected indoor air grab samples with a mobile gas chromatograph in 49 buildings, and are deploying 10-hour Summa canisters with HVAC on and off from December 2016 through February 2017. (Contact: Lynn Keller, x7-4162)

Teledyne Semiconductors/Spectra-Physics Lasers VI Investigation (Mountain View, CA):
Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Halaco (Oxnard, CA): **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Wayne Praskins, x2-3181)

Motorola 52nd St Superfund Site, Phoenix, AZ: For Operable Unit 1, EPA approved the Final Residential Vapor Intrusion Mitigation System Installation Report. Although the regular monitoring results have been issued to each homeowner/resident as they have become available, this Final Report and the specific data and mitigation information for each mitigated home was sent to each homeowner/resident last week. (Contact: Rachel Loftin, x2-3253)

Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Site 300: After more than a year of persuasive effort by the RPM (Andy Bain), on January 19, LLNL shared their plans to embrace the idea of

consolidating Five Year Reports for the site. At the meeting last week, DOE proposed a schedule beginning in 2018 to consolidate the 5YRs for the OUs based on location, OU type, and OU overlap, in an effort that will result in just 3 separate 5YRs. Kudos to all involved! (Contact: Harold Ball, x2-3047)

Hawaiian Ice: [REDACTED] Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

[REDACTED]
(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Significant Items for Next Week

Tronox NAUM – Cove Removal Site Evaluations: This week members of the Tronox Cove team will travel to the Navajo Nation to participate in several meeting to discuss removal site assessment activities (RSEs) at the Tronox Cove mines, scheduled to begin this spring. The meetings will include meeting with the Cove Grazing Official [REDACTED] to obtain signed access agreements by the grazing permit holders; meeting with [REDACTED] of Navajo Historical Preservation Department to discuss requirements for the RSE activities; meeting with Norman Yazzie (BIA Shiprock Roads Department) to discuss road improvements in the Cove mesas; and presenting at the Cove Chapter House Planning meeting. (Contact: Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390, Gaelle Glickfield 2-x3045, Secody Hubbard x2-3242)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Hawaii 112r Inspections: [REDACTED] Enforcement (b) (7) (A)
(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Fruitland After Action Report Workshop: We have been invited to participate in an incident command and leadership workshop, on February 9, as part of the after action review of the

Fruitland Magnesium Fire response. We will attend with members of LA County Fire, LA County Department of Public Health and the LA County Office of Emergency Management. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Other Information

Division Director Schedule:

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

Confidential Information